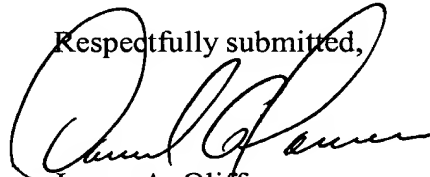


IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 51-68 and 70-87, in addition to the previously allowed claims 88-94, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place this Application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Computer-generated English language translation of JP-10-081964A to Akiyama et al.
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